

First of all, I would like to thank the FCC for the chance to have a little bit of input regarding the situation created by the NAB. The position of the NAB is absolutely ridiculous. Measures taken by the NAB's petition 04-160, as well as the bill introduced into the House of Representatives (HR 4026) by their army of lobbyists are nothing more than attempts to stomp out a brilliant upstart in the radio community, and limit the programming of the FM alternative that is XM. I paid for the equipment and monthly subscription fee for several reasons: a) XM is digital sound quality, interference and static are no longer issues, while AM and FM quite frequently (pardon the pun) have reception problems.

b) XM delivers a variety of quality programming that is unmatched by the offerings of FM in any given market (including the information provided by the Traffic & Weather Channels).

c) The music channels on XM are 100% commercial free, unlike the ad-plagued stations found on FM.

d) The stations on XM remain constant, regardless of where I go across the continental United States, whereas FM stations must be changed for reception purposes as location changes.

I could very easily go on and on about the advantages of XM, and why I pay for this stellar service. If the NAB is so worried about XM, they need to change their very own policies, not the law. Just as with any other type of business, they should have to compete for their marketshare, or end up losing it. I believe the NAB should use this new competitor to re-evaluate their own ways, not attempt to stomp-out it's new competition with lobbyists and attempts to pass bills against a very basic right of Freedom of Speech.

Thank you for your time.